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Kinmount celebrates its 150th fair

Riders of the Scrambler beamed ear to ear during the 150th Kinmount Fair on Saturday, Sept. 3. See more photos on pages 10 and 11. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Face masks voluntary at TLDSB schools this year

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's much optimism at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for the coming school year.

Wes Hahn, director of education at the

school board, said at the group's Aug. 23 meeting that much work was done by senior management over the summer in preparation for the 2022-23 school year.

Officials will continue to be vigilant against the spread of COVID-19 as the pandemic brought on by the coronavirus in 2020 continues.

He said family and staff will continue to be screened at schools under the umbrella of the board. Stringent cleaning standards and HEPA air filtering will remain in practice.

Wearing face masks will be voluntary, Hahn said. Such a precaution was made mandatory during the August 2020 board meeting.

"Right now, we're operating under the assumption we're going to start up in the regular mode of entering into the school," he said of the year's start.

"There's a lot of hope and optimism around the senior team table."

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Unfilled jobs plague local businesses

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

This is the third in a series of stories the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times is running this summer to explore how a labour shortage is affecting our communities. This story focuses on the summer recreational sector.

A young person looking for summer employment can do worse than Algonquin Outfitters. The tourism organization employs people to help customers enjoy canoe trips and guided hikes as well as to serve customers in several retail stores, sprinkled through cottage country.

Its website shows an image of smiling employees on a doc, above, text which proclaims it's a great place to work if you "love the outdoors" or for employees with innovation and looking to "better themselves."

All this adds to the puzzlement that Mark Sinnige has felt this summer, while trying to fill positions. Sinnige, the company's head of human resources, says some candidates "ghosted interviews." They were invited for a job interview but, without warning, didn't show up.

"We might call and say, 'hey, are you ok? Do you have COVID? Do you need anything?'" said Sinnige. "Even getting people to attend the interview now is a stretch."

As previously reported in this series, Haliburton County has a slim pool of available workers compared to other Ontario regions. According to the local Workforce Development Board, the percentage of Haliburton residents between ages 15 to 64 – the age of people who tend to be in the workforce – is only 55 per cent, compared to the provincial average of about 65 per cent.

That slim labour pool making it difficult for local businesses to fill positions and offer services that can help them capitalize on the region's recent population growth and amazing rural aesthetics.

Haliburton's recreational sector is no different, as leaders of businesses that offer outdoor summer employment who spoke to the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times reported that filling positions this summer was more difficult than in years past, meaning those businesses are at risk of losing their ability to contribute to Haliburton's normally vibrant economy.

The idea of skipping a job interview is foreign to Sinnige, who said he was a member of Generation X, the generation of people who came into adulthood in the 90s, when new jobs were scarce, and a worker was expected to be grateful

for any chance of employment. But, he acknowledged, times have changed, and now major employers like his struggle to find workers, perhaps owing to a large number of baby boom generation retirements and pandemic-related changes to the workforce. He said Algonquin Outfitters typically needs about 150 employees during the busy summer season. This year, it was about 10 per cent understaffed, meaning it had about 15 fewer workers than, ideally, needed, due to a lack of applicants.

Another renowned recreation business, Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, has also experienced candidates "ghosting" interviews.

"It's a strain on us," said general manager Tegan Legge. "We block off a whole hour of time and they don't show up."

Legge said, despite the ghostings, her business was able to hire enough people to get almost fully staffed this summer. However, there were some housekeeping positions that were never filled, which put extra strain on staff.

As the company began to realize the labour market was changing and cost of living was rising, it started to do extra things to recruit and retain staff. When gas prices began to skyrocket in spring, the company gave employees a \$1 per hour raise immediately, instead of waiting until the end of year, when wages are typically given cost-of-living increases.

Legge said Haliburton Forest has also worked to ensure the wages they offer are competitive and there are perks for employees, such as benefits after six months of work and the opportunity to use the company's amenities for their own recreation.

But she also believes there are issues that the county needs to work on over the long term, to ensure an employer, like hers, can recruit workers. She points out that the lack of affordable housing in the area, or a public transportation program that can help people get to work, impacts Haliburton Forest's ability to find willing employees.

She said, several years ago, the company explored building a cul-de-sac with housing on its own property, so seasonal workers would have a place to stay, but the project was bogged down with government regulations and never went ahead.

She believes, if such a project was explored again, it could gain approval. "The government was not aware of the housing crisis at the time," she said. "Now they're more open to working with us."

Algonquin Outfitters is trying to fight the labour shortage

by marketing itself as an attractive place for an employer to work – hoping that the right messaging will attract would-be workers who realize they're in a seller's market and have some choice of where they want to work.

Sinnige said his company is working with a human resources consultant to revamp job ads that will better recruit workers, given that "the power has moved to the candidate, not the employer."

"It's less of 'hey, here's what we're looking for.' It's more, 'here's what's in it for you,'" he explained.

Sinnige added that his company has realized it really has to market itself as a great place for workers, as they get to work as part of a great team and be outdoors.

The leaders of some other Haliburton seasonal institutions reported that the summer went fine, but not without some labour struggles.

The Monarch Bible Camp hosts programs from May to August every year at its location outside of Norland. Its director, Teresa Ward, said this year it relied more heavily on volunteers and had to restrict its registration numbers, due to a staff shortages. To get some staff, however, it had to up its game with social media promotion. The camp hired a "social media officer" which helped recruit some employees.

Another big business, the YMCA's Medeba summer camp program, made it through the year successfully, but, to do so, it needed to recruit employees from outside the area, plus relay on volunteers, said an official.

"This summer has not been out of the ordinary for us," said executive director Steve Archibald.

But, Sinnige and Legge know that their businesses are dealing with a challenge that could hinder their future, despite the fact they're both established institutions that are deeply engraved into the community.

Sinnige pointed out that Algonquin Outfitters has a store in Minden that may have to close on some days in September, due to a shortage of available workers. This would hurt its revenue and its contributions to the Haliburton economy.

"It's something we're worried about; it's a concern," he said. "We have to anticipate and look ahead. We're doing everything we can."

But, the good news, he says, is that if a person in Haliburton County wants a job, they shouldn't have a problem finding one.

"For young people entering the workforce, this is a golden opportunity."

Outdoor education programming to be reviewed

from page 1

Paul Goldring, superintendent of learning, described some of the work underway to bring back outdoor learning.

Goldring introduced a plan for an outdoor education review committee to review outdoor education programming and its locations, which will include the Yearley Outdoor Education Centre.

The centre has been closed the past two years, since the first lockdown, because of the pandemic. The board considered opening the Yearly Centre last spring, but too many health and safety issues need to be resolved before it can be opened.

The committee will also develop a long-term strategy for outdoor education for TLDSB students. As a short-term strategy, Grade 6 students will attend Camp Muskoka near Bracebridge during the 2022-23 school year to ensure students continue to receive outdoor education opportunities during the duration of the review.

Goldring said he believes strongly in the benefits of outdoor education.

An update with recommendations will be provided after the outdoor education review committee has evaluated options for outdoor education in TLDSB.

"We're very fortunate to have schools and families that live in areas where there are so many opportunities for students to be outdoors," Goldring said.



GLCA raises over \$1,200 for Minden food bank

The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association recently celebrated their 100th Regatta at the University of Toronto Survey Camp. The creation of the Regatta was to promote water safety, bring the community together and have fun. The sale of BBQ lunches raises money for the Minden Community Food Centre, donated annually. A record number of attendees resulted in a cheque for \$1,274 this year. From left, Jean Munroe, MCFC, Manager, Tracey D'Alessio GLCA Regatta Commodore, Michael Latimer GLCA Treasurer and Don Veno, MCFC, Chair. /Submitted by Jean Munroe

Highlands Summer Festival returned with tremendous success

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

The final curtain has drawn for the Highlands Summer Festival in 2022, and the people who contribute to the non-profit theatre group deserve a standing ovation.

This summer marked a triumphant return after two years of COVID shutdowns. The community theatre business – which provides culture, entertainment and some modest employment to Haliburton County – is, for the most part, back to normal and now an important fundraising season is about to begin.

“It was a really, really great season,” said Festival President Brian Kipping. “And, artistically, it was excellent.”

Kipping said the theatre will soon begin planning for 2023. Artistic Director Scot Denton typically announces the shows it will stage around November. Around the same time, the theatre group begins selling tickets and soliciting donations that can help the festival stay afloat.

Kipping pointed out that the Highlands Summer Festival is a registered charity, which encourages the development of artistic talents in the community. Those who go its website, www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca can learn how to make donations.

Kipping said the theatre usually needs to raise \$6,000 to \$8,000 to ensure it will have a successful season. Its hope is to pull even, not make a profit.

Fortunately, the festival has a loyal and supportive fan base, who pack the small theatre of about 200 seats for most events.

Kipping said he and his colleagues were unsure what attendance would be like heading into this season, given that “COVID jitters” were still out there in the spring, and some people were likely to have nerves about sitting elbow-to-elbow with strangers in a theatre.

But, he said, two main shows, *The Sound of Music* and *Across the Pond*, played to nearly sell-out audiences. He said attendance was below capacity for other shows, such as *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Every Brilliant Thing*, but not to a concerning level. Given the climate, he was happy with ticket sales.

More importantly, he said, the theatre, to his knowledge, didn’t contribute to any outbreaks. COVID is still hurting the theatre industry in many Ontario communities – there are some somber stories out there about production companies having to shut down shows due to positive tests – but the Highlands Summer Festival was able to avoid that fate. Kipping said most of the audience members voluntarily wore masks, with no complaints.

As he met with patrons during the season, one thing be-



The Highlands Summer Festival had a successful season starting off with a performance of *The Sound of Music*. /Photo submitted

came clear: they missed having theatre in 2020 and 2021 and were glad to have it back.

“There’s no doubt about that,” Kipping said. “That comes from conversations in the lobby and people we meet uptown. It was uplifting for people to (return to the theatre). People had put their lives on pause.”

Kipping wouldn’t speculate what shows may be in store for 2023, saying that Denton works on those decisions, but the lineup usually contains a mix of at least one comedy, one musical and one drama.

The theatre usually recruits some actors from outside the region, but also encourages local actors to audition and get a

glimpse of show businesses.

If all shows can sell enough tickets to reach 70 per cent capacity, the theatre company is likely to pull even – and, without risk, continue to contribute to Haliburton County’s vibrant culture and economy.

Because local residents were willing to give theatre a try again – and do so while keeping the safety of others in mind – there are high hopes for a successful 2023 season.

“We owe a deep amount of gratitude to everyone who came out this year,” Kipping said. To donate to the festival, visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca/donate.html.

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**Huskies hungry
for their
new season**

A Haliburton County Husky player takes a shot on the net during the team's exhibition game against the Pickering Panthers on Friday, Sept. 6. The team will play their opening game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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SIRCH training programs offer local opportunities

by ANGELICA INGRAM
SIRCH

This fall, SIRCH Community Services is offering two free training programs to help serve the employment needs of Haliburton County.

Back by popular demand, Basics of Carpentry gives participants the entry level carpentry skills to begin a career in the trades. Done in partnership with Fleming CREW Employment Services, trainees are matched with potential employers as part of the course, and in some cases, there may be financial incentives for employers who hire the graduates.

Gena Robertson, Executive Director of SIRCH reported, "The most recent Workforce Development Board Survey Results {March 2022} show that the highest category of new hires in our region are in sales and service occupations, closely followed by trades. We already offer hands-on training in food services and hospitality, so when people weren't signing up for those last spring, we decided to do a basic carpentry course. It was such a successful training program, that we are offering it again."

According to the Workforce Development Board, some of Haliburton's top In Demand skills include customer service, teamwork, leadership, organization, attention to detail, etc. The Basics of Carpentry course provides all these skills plus practical carpentry experience, and several certifications. The integrated program is three days a week for 12 weeks. It is free, with lunch provided.

A mom of four, Natasha Ferguson signed up for the program last February to prove that women can be carpenters too. "I have a lot of background in this industry but back when I was into it, people would say, you're a woman, you can't do this," she said. "So here I am ... to prove them all wrong, that I can do everything a man can do, and get work out of it." A graduate of the program, Natasha is now employed with Cedar Winds Design.

Don Jones moved up to the area with his family during the

height of the pandemic, and when he saw an advertisement for the program, he wanted to find out more about it. With a basic knowledge of carpentry, Jones thought he had nothing to lose by signing up.

"The thing I think that's very interesting about it is that everyone involved with teaching the course is so good at handling a diverse set of skill sets. There's something for everybody," he said. Following his graduation from the program, Don took on a position with Everything ICF.

Once again the program is being instructed by Doug Norris, a semi-retired resident of Haliburton County. Over the years Norris has built small scale commercial projects, as well as his own home on Maple Lake. He has also volunteered with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and SIRCH Community Services, with the Repair Café initiative.

Norris believes this program provides many benefits for participants and the community.

In addition to the carpentry program, SIRCH is also offering Time for a Change, a program aimed at helping residents new to the area or who are thinking of getting into the workforce but aren't sure what they want to do. This course explores local opportunities and matches trainees with the right one.

Both programs will begin mid-September, with interested applicants encouraged to apply no later than Sept. 15. Each program is free and can offer transportation options.

To find out more, email info@sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742.

Basics of Carpentry instructor Doug Norris, centre, helps trainees Don Jones, left, and Natasha Ferguson build a bunkie during SIRCH's inaugural training program that took place this past spring. /Photo submitted



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Making choices that bring joy

IDON'T KNOW where I heard it, but life is about choices. We can decide or let others decide for us. Take action or let others act for us. This isn't an overly complicated concept, but difficult to follow through with in life, whether the challenge is school, work, family or social expectations. Then again, when is taking action easy in life? Great change demands courage in the face of fear.

Growing up in the 1980s, most of the decisions pertaining to my life were made by my parents. The idea of empowerment wasn't applicable to children then like now. They knew better even when they didn't. "For as long as you live under my roof ..." they would often tell me. I don't think I ever remembered what came after that, but I always remembered that sentence, as probably many a son/daughter from that era will concur. I present these ideas because of September, which is a month of transition: It's a time when school begins again. When parents and guardians must prepare lunches and anticipate the challenge of helping children with their homework. When parents realize a new chapter of freedom with children away during the day or gone away to pursue post-secondary education goals. When young men and women leave the security of home for a step towards careers, whether at college or university, or in workplaces for apprenticeships. When teachers/professors and employers look to a year to inspire and mentor the next generation of professionals. All of this correlates to the very change of the season from the warmth of a sunny day to the crisp cool nights when breezes blow and chill the skin, leaving goosebumps to stand on end. The daylight lessens and pine needles drop and maple leaves fall, covering the trails in the woods with a carpet of autumn. Such is the season to lead to winter.

I was never a great student, whether in elementary school, high school or university and college. Sure, I worked

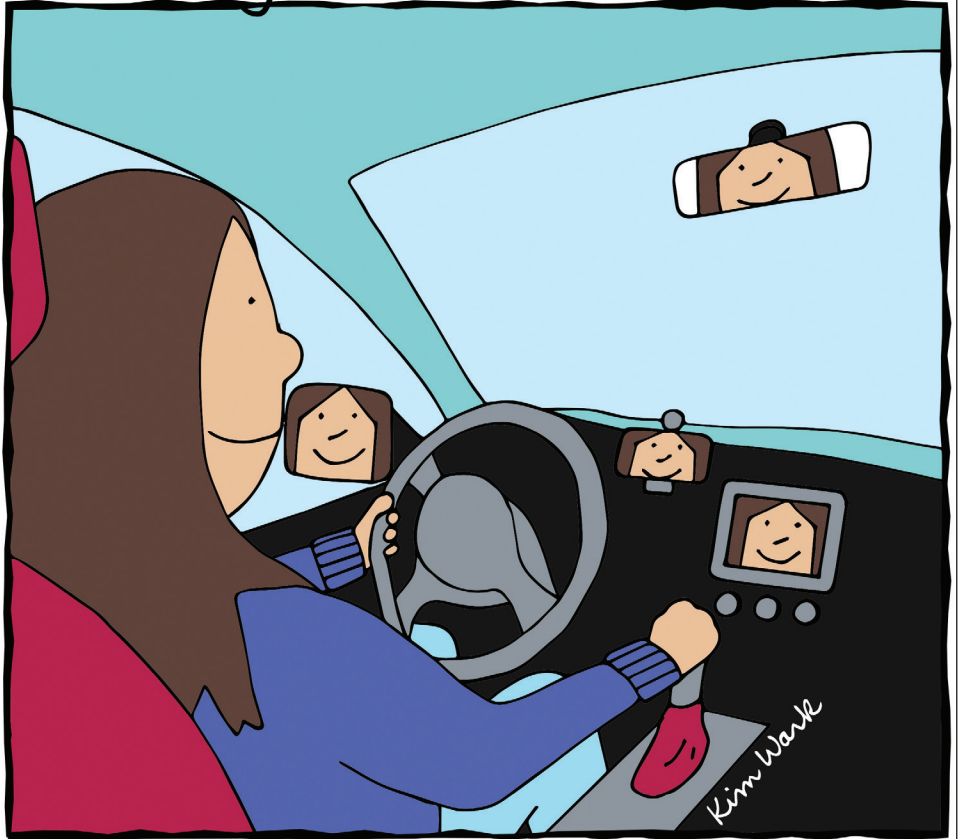
hard, completed my assignments the best I knew how, but the results were mixed to my parents' disappointment (who eventually recognized my strengths and accepted my obvious weaknesses—ahem, math). Fuelled by a passion for story, I dove into journalism and didn't look back. For the students entering Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, it's a challenging time. Take each day as it comes. Find your passion. Take it and pursue your studies. With that as a foundation to a career, there is potential you'll never work a day in your life, which is aligned with that understanding of not working when you're doing something you love to do. As a person that did that, I caution against this with a caveat that this path is not without challenge or any idea that you won't struggle for what satiates beyond the earned dollar.



DARREN LUM
Editor

I obviously found my way and my niche in journalism, which has been rewarding and frustrating, but not regretful. Twenty years flashed by, and I'm left to wonder other paths, other choices, other goals. However, these are fleeting thoughts because I don't think I'd change a thing when it comes to where journalism has taken me physically, but, more importantly, emotionally. At times, I would have loved more time off (who doesn't think this?), greater salary (again, who doesn't?), and more columns in the pages of the many publications I have worked for to showcase my talents. I'd say I made the right choices to bring me here as the editor of the Minden Times and to be able to call the Highlands home where the waters run clear, the terrain is tough like its people, and the sunsets imbue all the warmth of what life can offer to the courageous. I took the paths to bring me here, and I'm happy and proud to have arrived home. I hope you, dear reader, find your way and your next step takes you to where you deserve to go and feel fulfilled during this time of transition. Here's to the choices that bring us joy.

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Stump shooting is not for tree huggers

BEFORE THE advent of lifelike, animal-sized archery targets, bowhunters used to practice stump shooting to warm up for the hunting season. Stump shooting basically describes the practice of roving through the woods with bow and arrow in hand and shooting at rotten stumps, decaying logs, leaves, or any other inanimate object that is not rock-like in nature. This is not because we are angry at them. Rather, it is because they stay still, are easy on arrows, do not require a licence and have generous limits.

I don't know many people who stump shoot much anymore.

But once, it was very popular. Primarily, because lifelike animal-sized archery targets had not been invented yet, while stumps were pretty much all over the place. Even if foam animal targets had been available, there is no way the better-halves of that era would have allowed you to fill the yard with them. Mostly, because they knew this would lead to the arrowing of a garden gnome or pink flamingo as well.

Even in these days of wonderful, almost anatomically correct, foam game animal targets, I still prefer stump shooting. To me, it's like the archer's version of golf. It entails a nice walk and, if you do it alone, you can still get away with lying about your score.

Typically, however, you stump shoot with a friend. This means you walk through the fields and woods until one of you sees an arrow-friendly inanimate object that vaguely resembles a game animal if you really use your imagination. Then, you point

it out and you both shoot at it, with the closest arrow winning the round.

For instance, you and your buddy might be walking down a trail when he or she will point to a distant, punky, rotten log and say, "See that. It's a moose."

You will then nod and say, "That moose doesn't stand a chance" or some other words of bravado.

This is almost always the time when some other person walks over the rise and hears two grown ups carrying bows clearly mistaking what is a punky, black rotten log for a moose.

They will smile uncomfortably and say, "Sure it is. And, look, that fern is a unicorn!"

Regardless, the idea is for the shooters to challenge each other with tricky targets at unknown ranges to simulate the kind of shots you might get in the field. For example, if you

wanted to simulate the typical grouse shot, you might have the person you are stump shooting with, shoot an arrow at a leaf hanging directly behind a tree trunk.

Stump shooting is as simple as that, but it is good archery practice that can be done almost year-round. It teaches range estimation, short and long-distance shooting, shooting up and down slopes and what rocks look like from a distance as well as what they can do to arrows.

When all is said and done, stump shooting is an informal way to practice field archery in a pleasant and natural setting.

There are no papers, pens, and score sheets either. Nor are statistics or records kept throughout the year. In fact, I have never met a stump shooter who has kept a log.



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Beyond 35

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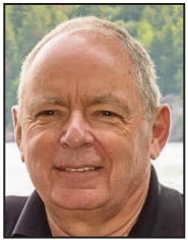
Observe and report

THIS WEEK marks a special anniversary. It's of little interest to anyone but me, but I'm writing about it anyway. Sixty years ago this week I walked into the second-floor newsroom of *The Sault Ste. Marie Daily Star* and was assigned a desk as its newest journalist.

I got there through a skillful piece of deception.

I was passing through Sault Ste. Marie, where my mother lived, enroute to visit an uncle, who was a reporter at The Sudbury Star. The hope was that he would get me a reporting job in Sudbury.

"Why drive to Sudbury?" my mother asked. "The Sault Star is looking for a young reporter. It was in yesterday's paper."



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Off to the newspaper I went and was greeted in the newsroom by a woman who turned out to be the Women's Editor and a member of the Curran family who owned the paper.

"Someone gave you bad information," she said. "We specifically advertised for a young woman to work in our women's section."

I was mortified. I flushed red and stammered. She turned away from me but instead of returning to her desk, she went to talk to a stern-looking gentleman at the main news desk.

"I don't need anyone who looks like a scared little rabbit," he replied when, pointing at me, she asked if he needed a new reporter.

She said she had a good feeling about me, and so it was that a couple days later I took my place in that newsroom.

No sooner did I get seated than everyone in the newsroom got up and left. Did I smell? Or, was this to protest my hiring? I learned later that the first edition deadline had just passed and everyone went to the coffee room for morning break.

I was left alone in the newsroom except for a sleepy looking guy bent over the wire desk, where national and international news chattered incessantly on The Canadian Press (CP) and United Press International (UPI) teletype printers.

I walked over, introduced myself and asked how he liked working there.

"Beh, beh, beh ter ter tha. . . an . . .," he stuttered. I can't tell you the rest because it was pornographic, obscene and simply not very nice.

He was drinking from a coffee cup, which I noticed was half filled with a clear white liquid, which was not water.

There have been many changes in the news industry in the 60 years since. Some good. Some bad.

Hundreds of newspapers have closed in the past 10 years and thousands of journalists have lost their jobs. Many news operations now are controlled by companies more interested in revenue and balance sheets than good journalism.

More people now get their news and information from non-reliable sources such as social media platforms. We live in a broken media environment polluted by toxic talk, rumours, misinformation and disinformation.

Hopefully, this is just a phase and changes are coming that will fix the fractured media environment. There are signs already that news consumers are becoming more aware of, and concerned about, the dangers presented by the decline in fact-based news and information.

It's not likely that we will see the return of the days of families sitting and reading in-depth newspaper stories. But, maybe growing concern about fractured media will result in positive changes.

One thing that should never change is the lesson learned in my early Sault Star days: The role of the reporter is to observe and report. Accurately, honestly and fairly. To produce news stories that are balanced and put into context.

Good journalism is not about awards, citations or wearing an Order of Canada pin on your lapel. Good reporters leave their egos at the newsroom door.

The only thing that matters is the story and getting it right.

Helen Thomas, a UPI reporter for 57 years, said many years ago:

"We don't go into journalism to be popular. It is our job to seek the truth and put constant pressure on our leaders until we get answers."

That was a good day 60 years ago this week. The payroll clerk who came to my desk to enrol me as an employee later became my wife.



It may be September, but we still have a couple official weeks of summer left.
/KAREN LONDON
Staff

Beach water testing program ends for the season

HKPR District Health Unit Public Health Inspectors sample 46 public beaches weekly for signs of E. coli

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR District Health Unit) would like to inform residents that the annual Beach Testing Water Program has come to a finish for the season.

During the summer season, a total of 46 public beaches in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Northumberland County were regularly sampled for E. coli. These test results were then updated on a weekly basis on the HKPR District Health Unit's Unit's Beach Water Testing webpage and shared through social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). Signs are also posted at local beaches, indicating if conditions are right for swimming or not.

Based on bacteria counts in the water, the HKPR District Health Unit uses a three-colour system to report beach water test results: Green (open), Yellow (swimming not recommended), and Red (closed).

"I'd like to thank all of those residents who took the time to be informed about beach

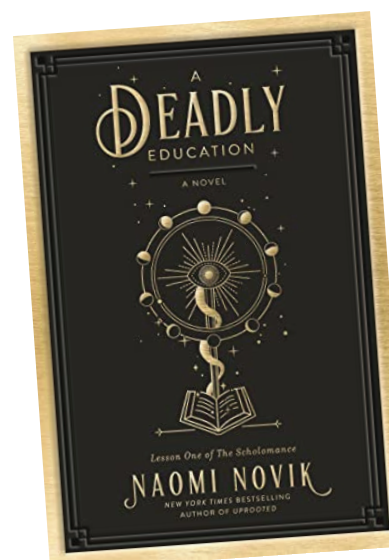
conditions and reviewed the beach water testing results before heading out," said Bernie Mayer, Manager of Environmental Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "We certainly have many beautiful bodies of water in our region that allow for swimming but can, on occasion, experience high counts of bacteria."

There are several ways that beaches can become contaminated with bacteria. Storm water runoff, combined with sewer overflows, sewage treatment plant bypasses, agricultural runoff, faulty septic systems, and large populations of waterfowl like geese, all contribute to water pollution. This, in turn, can lead to beaches being posted as unsafe for swimming. High levels of bacteria can persist for up to 48 hours after a heavy rainfall, and bacterial counts can also be affected by high winds or wave activity.

"We look forward to resuming our Beach Water Testing Program in the summer of 2023," Mayer added.

Submitted

HCPL's Jr. Book of the Month - September



Scholomance is a school for the magically gifted, where failure means death (for real) — But El refuses to let that deter her.

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El doesn't need help. Especially not from flashy combat magic user Orion Lake. She's got dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out millions. If the rest of the world's to be believed, she's an absolute force to be reckoned with. So why does he keep showing up to save her life? Check out *A deadly Education*, the first young adult novel in The Scholomance Series by acclaimed speculative fantasy author Naomi Novik. Available soon from HCPL!

Hooray for the first day

Victoria Parnaby, left, starting SK, along with her sister, April, Grade 1, were more than happy to be back at Archie Stouffer on Sept. 6. Their mom said they had been counting down the days to return to school. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Allie was all set to start her first day of Grade 7 at Archie Stouffer.



Carter, left, Grade 3, and her brother Cash, SK, paused for a moment with their mom, Kirsten Rae, during the morning drop-off at Archie Stouffer.



Emily Miller headed to her Grade 8 class, after spending the morning as a Kinder helper.



Rhea Ziorjen was excited for her very first day of senior kindergarten at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 6. /Submitted



ASES student James Jowett-Rogers started his first day of Grade 3. /Submitted



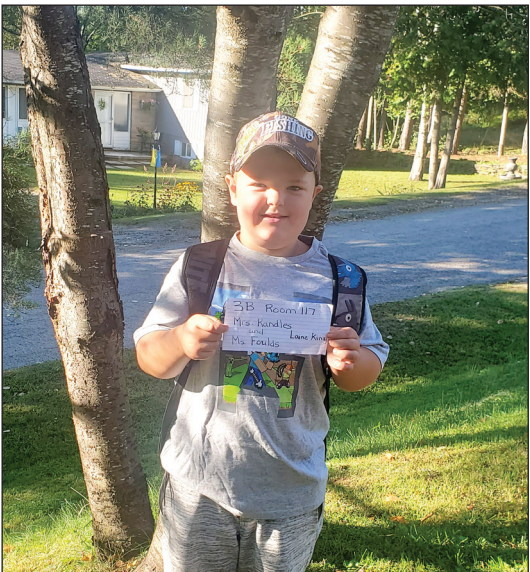
Eden, left, started senior kindergarten at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and her younger sister, Aspen, started Compass. /Submitted

Sy, Grade 5, and his brother Tripp, Grade 2, started their school year with their annual send-off with their grandparents. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Garrison and Levi Warburton had their first day of Grades 2 and 3 on Tuesday, Sept. 6. /Submitted

Kolby is attended his first day of Grade 3. /Submitted



Left, Laine King smiled for his first day of Grade 3 at ASES. /Submitted



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Kinmount Fair celebrates 150 years



The Kinmount Fair Warrior's Day Parade was led by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band on Saturday, Sept. 3/ VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A birthday float was driven through the parade for the fair's 150th anniversary.



MPP for Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton-Brock Laurie Scott presented the ribbons at the Kinmount Fair Warrior's Day parade.



The Newbeaver Shrine Club danced their way through the Warrior's Day Parade to *Shut Up and Dance* by WALK THE MOON.



Tractor pulls last Friday afternoon were part of the afternoon events. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Crowds gathered in the bandstands to watch the Warrior's Day Parade at the Kinmount Fair. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The Hang Glider Midway ride brought lots of smiles to the 150th Kinmount Fair from Friday, Sept 2 to Sunday, Sept. 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The bumper cars were a big hit at the fair on Saturday, Sept. 3.



The grandstands and track infield were packed with spectators for Friday evenings truck pulls. /KAREN LONDON Staff



A child smiled after speeding down the Midway Fun Slide.

Historic Irondale Family Harvest Festival is back

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

Like a phoenix, the tiny hamlet of Irondale has risen from the ashes more than once throughout its history, and on Saturday, Sept. 24, it will rise again after a forced hiatus due to COVID, with the Irondale Family Harvest Festival (IFHF) located on the grounds of Irondale’s historic 120-year-old church.

Carol Simmons, President, Bark Lake

Cultural Developments under whose auspices the festival was created, said, “We are excited to be able to offer this event again. It will be a great day to visit the various local vendors, enjoy BBQ, and tour the historic church building with displays.”

Linda Cotes, festival coordinator added, “Admission is free and the vendors come in free. We hope to make people who stop by aware of what is in our community, including all of our great trades people.”

Since its inception in 1970, the IFHF

now has six vendors and ten dedicated volunteers, ready to welcome locals, cottagers and visitors to Irondale’s celebration of fall, located just south of Highway 503, 14 km from Kinmount and a hop and a skip from Gooderham.

The festival, which runs from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM takes place mostly outside with a couple of local vendors inside the church, along with displays that give onlookers a window into Irondale’s colourful, challenging history.

“We have a wonderful local quilter,” Cotes said, “and this year we have a new very talented artist whose drawings will be for sale. We will also have local garlic for sale and maple syrup.”

The Irondale church will have their own items for sale which include: cups, t-shirts, and calendars with Irondale images and logos printed on them. “We also make our own jams and preserves,” Cotes said.

She was quite enthusiastic about the church’s book nook. “All of the books that we get are donated by the community, so we will have a table filled with books, DVDs, and VCR tapes.” In addition to the items at the festival, the book nook, which is sheltered outside of the church, is open 24/7 from early spring until after Thanksgiving.

“We also have a barbeque tent and will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, and corn on the cob,” Cotes said, “We’ll have a few games for kids to play and photo-op cut-outs they can have fun sticking their head through.”

The festival will also be offering local Irondale baked goods.

“We hope to make people who stop by aware of what is in our community, including all of our great trades people.”

— CAROL SIMMONS

Irondale’s history – colourful and challenging

Since 2008 Irondale has been collecting stories, photos and artifacts, which will be displayed at the festival on September 24th.

Irondale got its start in 1870 after large deposits of iron were discovered on several settlers’ lots. In a relatively short period of time, it became a formidable mining town with three hotels, boarding houses, miners’ cottages, two stores, a barrel factory, and a railroad.

Then, the mine closed in 1900, and with it, so did mostly everything else.

Today, Irondale is a tightly knit cottage community with a heart the size of Saskatchewan and a fall festival that you won’t want to miss.

For more information visit: <https://www.irondaleontario.ca/articles/harvest-family-festival> For vendor information: 705-457-8438 or historical@IrondaleOntario.ca



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Come on out to Head Lake Park in Haliburton on **Sunday, September 18th from 2-4 p.m.** for Abbey Retreat Centre’s closing fundraising celebration for their annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge!

The afternoon will be filled with inspiring stories from past retreat participants and fundraisers, activities for kids, a drumming circle, and live music by Nick and Benton. Admission is free.

The Haliburton Highlands Challenge fundraiser ends on September 30th. To donate or learn more, please visit www.haliburtonhighlandschallenge.com or abbeyretreatcentre.ca

Abbey Retreat Centre would also like to extend their gratitude to the “Renew” and “Re-connect” Level corporate sponsors of this year’s Haliburton Highlands Challenge!

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Getting Ready for fall with EarlyON

We recently took part in the Haliburton and District Lions Club Stories in the Park Fun Fair, and it was a wonderful windy event. It was great to see familiar faces as well as meet new families in our community. The children enjoyed all the hands-on activities including our music and movement station, and were happy to take home an EarlyON bag, hat, book and bubbles. It was a fun way to say good-bye to summer and spread the word about our upcoming fall programs. One parent, Emma Mcknight, mentioned she plans to attend again with her children. "It's nice to go to the centre and have some quality play time. Sometimes we don't do that enough."

This September, in addition to our drop-in programs in Minden and Haliburton, we will continue to visit Kinmount and Wilberforce weekly. We have also booked the Haliburton Legion on Thursday mornings so we can offer our popular Fit Kids program – children love the large space to run, dance, ride and play. For outdoor adventures, you can join us in Minden at Rotary park on Friday mornings, and another Abbey Gardens morning is planned for early October. In partnership

with Point in Time, Infant Massage classes will be held at our centre at Archie Stouffer School on Mondays, please see our Facebook page for information and to register.

The Haliburton Centre located at JD Hodgson School has been undergoing a renovation this summer. Our new space is now finished and will be awesome, with its own separate entrance and washroom. For a few more weeks we will be offering programs at the Haliburton Legion as well as some Wednesdays at Head Lake Park while we move in and get set up. Please watch our Facebook page for our re-opening announcement. We are excited to be there and welcome you back!

For more information, or zoom schedules, please see our facebook page or website www.oeyc.ca. You can also call us 705-324-7900, we love to connect with families.

*Submitted Julie Bosker
EarlyON Child and Family
Centre Program co-ordinator*



Liam Thomson, 4, and his brother Finn, 3, get moving at the EarlyON play area during the Lions Stories in the Park event. /Photos submitted



Kacey Reynolds wears his new hat and enjoys the music.



Alice Gordon, 13 months, liked shaking the maracas to the music. She also like her new EarlyON hat!



Julie Bosker and Judy Grinton welcomed families to the EarlyON tent.

Arden Merritt, 3, practices her balancing skills while Mom Kenzie watches.



A Foundation for the Health of the Highlands

**Invites you to the
Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 10:00 am**

Purpose of the Annual General Meeting: To receive the report of the Board of Directors, to receive the report of the Auditors & Financial Statements, the appointment of the Auditors, to conduct the election of the Directors and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the ZOOM application. In order to participate, members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca

Hike Haliburton Festival’s exciting 19th year

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

The word exciting is not easy to back up, except when describing the Hike Haliburton Festival – the largest hiking festival in Canada – running Sept. 22 to 25 for its nineteenth year.

“We have hikes in all four Haliburton County municipalities ranging all the way from Ragged Falls in the far north east corner of the county, down to Silent Lake in the far south east corner of the county,” Thom Lambert, Content Creator with Haliburton County Tourism, said.

Over 40 hikes, for all ages and abilities, are released online (at hikehaliburton.com) in waves rather than all at once. “It gives people several opportunities to be among the first to register before a hike fills up,” Lambert said. “We also find that it generates more interest.”

With each hike having an average of fifteen hikers, led by a volunteer hike leader, “we’re looking at between 400 and 500 participants this year,” Lambert said. About 40% are Haliburton residents, and 60%, cottagers and friends of cottagers.

And, excitement grows for HHF’s new unique offerings this year.

For the first time ever, HHF is offering an overnight backpacking experience – Women in the Wilderness – led by Chris Whittemore. “About four or five participants will backpack into Queen Elizabeth Wild Lands, one of six provincial parks in Haliburton,” Lambert said. “The distance will be fairly short and goes into the Ganaraska Trail. It’s a great opportunity to have a good first backpacking experience, and then be able to continue on their own later on.”

Another unique HHF hike this year is Boots and Books, led by Canadian author Terry Fallis, two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. Imagine, taking a casual stroll around picturesque Minden village and the site of Bookapalooza which will be in full swing at the Minden Community Centre, as Fallis talks about how you



Jim Mercer points out features in a rock crevice during Can You Dig It?, one of the more than 40 hikes offered during a past Hike Haliburton Festival. /FILE

can find inspiration just about anywhere, even in politics. “There are so many summer events that are going on in the community during the week of HHF, that people can enjoy both,” Lambert said. Among them, is Ian Tamblyn, “one of the best song writers in Canada,” he said, “who will be performing at the Dominion for the HHF weekend.” Tamblyn has also written fourteen plays and over one hundred theatre soundtracks. A dream hike for foodies is Ramble at the Rockcliffe run by the Rockcliffe (previously known at Summerkiss) in Moore Falls. An easy two kilometre hike on their extensive property includes a lunch carefully curated by their execu-

tive chef. For families and young kids, there’s the King Beach Dam Hike at Camp Wanakita. Andrea Roberts, Dysart et al Mayor, added, “September is the ideal time to hike. The fall colours will be spectacular. And there is a hike for everyone.” Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism couldn’t agree more. “Hike Haliburton provides the backdrop for a perfect family autumn vacation, and with the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit, we hope to see many visitors for Hike Haliburton 2022.” For all HHF information, visit: hikehaliburton.com.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION INFORMATION

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.40)

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 40 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, that there will be a Municipal Election in the Township of Algonquin Highlands for the offices of

Mayor – One (1) to be elected	Liz Danielsen Mike Lang
Councillor Ward Two, Geographic Township of Stanhope – Two (2) to be elected	Lisa Barry Amber Meirik Sabrina Richards Napier Simpson
French Public (FP) School Board Trustee – Conseiller(ère), Conseil scolaire Viamonde – One (1) to be elected	Kristine Dandavino Serge Paul

The 2022 Municipal/School Board Election will be conducted using Internet and Telephone Voting and will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Internet and Telephone Voting Period begins on October 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. through to October 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Voter Information Letters will be mailed out to eligible voters during the week of October 3, 2022. If you do not receive a Voter Information Letter by October 12, 2022, please contact the Municipal Office. Additions and revisions to the Voters List can take place up to 8:00 pm on Election Day allowing those individuals who are eligible to vote to obtain a Voter Information Letter.

A Revision and Help Centre will be located at the Municipal Administration Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario. Please contact the Municipal Office at 705-489-2379 or visit the Township of Algonquin Highlands website for dates and hours of the Revision and Help Centre.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Algonquin Highlands Township Office at 705-489-2379 or visiting the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands

Brad Hanna, professor at the University of Guelph veterinary school, is creating a cup for the school's hockey tournament at Haliburton School of Art + Design. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Student creates hockey trophy for the University of Guelph

A student taking a metalsmithing course at Haliburton School of Art + Design is on year six of creating a hockey cup for the veterinary school at the University of Guelph.

"We had our 150th anniversary in 2012, so about four years before that, I thought, 'What can I do for the students?' And I remembered having fun in the little hockey tournament that the school had just between the classes, and they didn't have a trophy," said veterinary professor at the University of Guelph Brad Hanna.

He initially thought about getting someone else to build a trophy for the veterinary school's annual hockey tournament.

"One thing led to another, and I got this idea that since our tournaments started in 1930, I just so happened to find a picture of the Stanley Cup in 1930, and thought that it looked small enough for someone to be able to make. When this cup came up at auction, it didn't have any writing on it, and so I bought it. I met someone in Guelph that said, 'you can go to Haliburton and make the base yourself,' so that's what I did."

The top part of the cup is what was bought at an auction, and the bottom part is a stand

for the trophy that Hanna has been creating.

This year was Hanna's sixth year taking a week-long metalsmithing course at Haliburton School of Art and Design with Todd Jeffrey Ellis, and before that, he did not have any experience.

"I had never done metalwork before. I think Jeffery is amazing, because if he can take somebody who doesn't know how to do this and teach them to make something like that in a week, it's amazing."

Hanna has been creating the base out of pieces of copper. When he's finished with the pieces he will stamp each with the names of the winning team from the first 100 years of the tournament.

He's aiming to have it finished for 2030, and half the battle will be finding the winning teams since 1930 as a record was not kept.

He will need to stamp approximately 30,000 letters into the trophy.

"And then, I'm done! I'm never making a trophy again," Hanna laughed.

He plans to return next year to take another week-long HSA+D course to continue creating the base for the trophy.



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 28, 2022, at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 21 001 000 24800 0000; Kushog Lake Road; PIN 39123-0245 (LT); File No. 20-02;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,163.12
2. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 31700 0000; Providence Drive; PIN 39129-0146 (LT); File No. 20-07;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,873.03

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST). This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.algonquinhighlands.ca or you may contact Karen Mintz, Tax Administrator, The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1, Phone: 705-489-2379 Ext. 323, Email: kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca



Notice of a Complete Application and Public Meeting For a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting on:

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: This will be held as a virtual meeting

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/z4f5IX6INPI>

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the

Public Meetings must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday, September 28th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> in to your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

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Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhills.ca

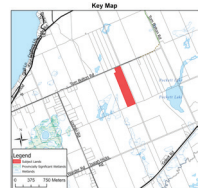
The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment applications **PLZBA2022061** and **PLZBA2022066** pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The applications for Public Meeting are listed below:

PLZBA2022061 – Part Lot 9, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson being 443 Bobcaygeon Road and the vacant lot having roll number 4616-010-000-62400 (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject properties are currently zoned 'Rural (RU)', 'Hazard Land (HZ)' and 'Hamlet Residential (HR)' located within the Minden Rural Settlement Area. The zoning by-law amendment is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-007-22, being for a lot addition. The zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone the lands from 'Hamlet Residential (HR)' to 'Rural (RU)'; together with rezoning portions of the land to 'Hazard Land (HZ)' to reflect recommendations of a Site Evaluation Report.

PLZBA2022066 – Part Lot 30, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; being 1560 Tom Bolton Road (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and 'Hazard Land (HZ)'. The zoning by-law amendment is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-008-22, being for the creation of a new lot. The zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone portions of the land to 'Hazard Land (HZ)' to reflect recommendations of a Site Evaluation Report; together with recognizing a reduced lot frontage.

Additional Information regarding these applications is available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only. Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Trisha McKibbin, Clerk
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Public health inspectors: looking out for people and our planet

Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) impact our everyday lives – and I’m proud to be one serving this community. PHIs are among the unsung heroes of public health, being the first line of defense against infectious diseases and injury thanks to our focus on prevention and safety promotion.

Any public location that serves food, provides a personal care service, or has a public pool or whirlpool is visited by myself or one of my 15 PHI colleagues at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Every single one of these establishments must pass our PHIs thorough safety inspections to continue operating. Public Health Inspectors are also responsible for monitoring environmental health and ensuring human interactions with nature stay safe, for both people and the planet.

If it sounds like a lot of work, that’s because it is. From childcare to long term care facilities, from fine dining restaurants to food banks, from tattoo parlors to funeral homes, when our Public Health Inspectors aren’t hosting food handler courses or conducting animal bite investigations, we are going to other great extents to ensure YOU can go about life safely.

The work of PHI’s often gets overlooked. In the world of public health, PHIs are usually playing offence.

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Health Inspectors regularly collect bacteriological water samples from 98 public pools, 15 public whirlpools and 46 local beaches. We also carry out 650 small drinking water system inspections in HKPR District Health Unit areas that serve restaurants, arenas, churches, seasonal trailer parks, summer camps, migrant farm worker accommodations and other public facilities.

All of our recent inspection results for public pools and whirlpools, personal care settings and food premises are available for you to view online at hkprcheckinspection.ca.

Climate change means Public Health Inspectors are more important than ever.

In addition to ensuring you can enjoy public spaces and know that your well water is safe for drinking, PHIs monitor for ‘vector-borne’ diseases in the area. ‘Vectors’ are insects or animals that transmit disease to other animals or humans. For example, mosquitos can spread West Nile Virus, ticks can spread Lyme Disease and bats can spread rabies.

Our Public Health Inspectors complete tick-dragging and mosquito trapping throughout the year to monitor for Lyme Disease and West Nile virus activity in the area. These proactive measures come with helpful advice on how the public can protect themselves from vectors borne illness. PHIs are also the public health professionals who investigate animal bite incidents and respond

to possible rabies exposure. In these instances, Public Health Inspectors complete a full investigation to ensure rabid animals don’t pose further risk to people, pets and other animals.

Environmental changes caused by the climate crisis are expected to lead to the emergence of more infectious diseases in Canada. For instance, increased flooding and warmer temperature can create more breeding ground for mosquitoes, hence more vectors borne illness. This makes our work as Public Health Inspectors even more valuable than ever.

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*Submitted by Carol Chan
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Answers on page 16



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Songs of the Highlands

The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band was busy practicing on Thursday, Sept. 1 to be the leaders of the Kinmount Warrior's Day parade on Saturday, Sept. 3. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Emily Stonehouse shared a laugh with Brian Saches between songs while the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums practiced.



Saches was at the front of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band formation during practice for the Kinmount Fair Warriors Day parade.



Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE OF VOTERS' LIST/REVISION PERIOD

The 2022 Municipal/School Board Election will be conducted using Internet and Telephone Voting and will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022. Voter Information Letters will be mailed based on the List of Electors the week of October 3, 2022.

As of September 1, 2022, all electors should ensure that their names and relevant information are correct on the Voters' List. To confirm if you are on the Voters' List you may contact the Municipal Office at 705-489-2379. You may also attend the Municipal Office during regular office hours located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON.

Applications for revisions to the Voters' List are available at the Municipal Office and on the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Revisions to the voters list will take place, on the prescribed form, and including the required identification, during regular office hours, each weekday, between September 1, 2022 to October 21, 2022 and to the close of Voting Day at 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022. The application shall be in writing and shall be filed in person, or by mail, or email by the applicant with the required identification. Proof of identity and qualifying address as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 will be required of the applicant. If the applicant does not appear in person, a copy showing proof of ID and qualifying address is required to accompany the mailed or emailed application.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

- A person is entitled to vote in a municipal election if he or she on voting day,
- resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
 - is a Canadian citizen, and
 - is at least 18 years old, and
 - is not prohibited from voting by law.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2022
Dawn Newhook, Clerk
dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca
(705)489-2379

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Audrey Louise Belshaw (Irvine, Chambers)
May 24, 1932 - August 31, 2022

Audrey Louise Belshaw passed away peacefully at her home in the The Waterford Retirement Residence, in Barrie, on August 31, 2022. Audrey was the devoted wife of Gordon Belshaw and loving mother of Bob Chambers (Heather), Marie Hodgson (Chris) and David Chambers (Ruth-Anne). She delighted in her grandchildren and great grandchildren and loved nothing more than to cuddle a 'wee one' on her lap or cheer young ones on at a birthday, a game or special event.

Audrey was born in Toronto, but moved many times during her early years, living in Port Colborne, Montreal and Niagara Falls. She is predeceased by her parents Vera and Bill Irvine and brother Bill Irvine. She is survived by and deeply missed, by her husband Gordon and her sister Donna Healey. She is always fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Audrey came to the Haliburton Highlands as a teenager, helping her parents with their restaurant, The Red Barn, in Carnarvon. At nineteen, she married her first husband Frank Chambers and settled into life in the Highlands along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, raising her children and working part time for a local lawyer. Although she originally left school in Niagara Falls at sixteen, Audrey came to value learning and education highly. She returned to school as a young mother, to complete her Honours High School Diploma at Haliburton High, a BA through correspondence and summer courses at Wilfrid Laurier University, Teacher Certification at Niagara Teachers College and finally, a Masters of Library Science from Western University. Audrey shared her love of learning with her many students and colleagues as a teacher at Archie Stouffer School in Minden, Stuart Baker and JD Hodgson in Haliburton and as Principal in Gooderham.

Audrey enjoyed travelling far and wide, often combining her love of a new adventure and lifelong learning by taking further summer courses in Scotland, Europe and the Middle East. She loved to share stories of her travels with her students and encouraged them to make the most of educational opportunities and hard work to realize their own dreams. Audrey was always an advocate for women in the workplace and throughout her teaching career she served as Federation Rep at both county and provincial levels seeking equality of opportunity and pay for women teachers and an education system that served all children fairly. She retired from her teaching career in 1995 and moved to Markham to be closer to her family living in the GTA area and to make it easier to visit her son David's family in BC. It was on one of her travel adventures in 2005 to Brittany, France that Audrey met a true Scottish-Canadian gentleman, Gordon Belshaw and they were soon married and took up residence in Toronto, before moving to Barrie in 2013. Audrey and Gordon shared a love of their Scottish heritage, music and travel. They travelled with their church choir, performing throughout Canada and Europe and bought a home in Tillicoultry Scotland (near where her father was born) where they summered for many years. Audrey was a bright, determined 'free spirit' who looked for the good in people and treated everyone with respect and kindness. She lived her life fully and enriched the lives of those who knew her, teaching us that believing in yourself, working hard and treating others with kindness would take you far in this life. She enjoyed nothing more than to share a story, a song and of course laughter, wherever she was. That bright, kind spirit carried her through her struggles with dementia and cancer these last years with grace and gratitude and endeared her to her fellow residents and caregivers. We wish to express our deep appreciation to her dedicated caregiver, Helen Tate and the very caring staff at The Waterford, for their compassion and support throughout Audrey's illnesses.

As per Audrey's wishes she has been cremated and will be interred at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. A celebration of Audrey's life will follow at a later date. Audrey may be kindly remembered through donations to the Canadian Cancer Society (<https://cancer.ca/en/>) or the Alzheimer's Society of Canada (<https://alzheimer.ca/en/>) or through Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Sod-turning Oct. 24

The news area residents have been waiting for for years has finally arrived. Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board Executive Director Foster Loucks has confirmed that groundbreaking ceremonies for the health services capital projects in Minden and Haliburton will take place on October 24. Minister of Health Jim Wilson will be the guest of honour as the sod is officially turned to launch the building process.

While the shovelful of dirt will be a symbolic act, it will confirm the Ministry of Health's commitment to fund the projects. In Minden, the work calls for the relocation of the Minden Hospital to the Hyland Crest site, with access off Deep Bay Road and the complete renovation of the Hyland Crest 62 bed long-term care facility to bring it up to today's standards. In Haliburton, it means the addition of 30 long-term care beds, three more acute care beds to the hospital and the necessary renovations to the existing building to accommodate the services required to support the facility.

Total cost of the entire project has been set at \$10,600,000 by the Ministry of Health, with the province contributing just over \$6 million and the community expected to provide \$4 million. (See page 4 for a report on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and the fund-raising the organization will be starting soon.)



Running for Terry

135 participants remembered Terry Fox Sunday in Minden raising approximately \$5000 for cancer research. Participants jogged, walked, roller-bladed and cycled, carrying with them pledges gathered from the community. It was a great day for the fund-raising event, with cooler temperatures early in the morning giving way to sunny skies. Run coordinator Jerry Grozelle said he was very pleased with the turn-out and the enthusiastic response of the many volunteers who helped organize the day. The Minden run was one of more than a thousand taking place around the world. Syd Adamson turned in the highest amount in pledges at \$408.

At the left: Nyssa and Gregory Lowry are ready to get rolling as mother Kim and grandmother Val Carr, right, prepare to start the 10 km course. Below: enthusiastic participants break from the start line as the run begins.



Galway voters want amalgamation options on ballot

by Jerry Grozelle

Voters in the Galway-Cavendish-Harvey municipal election may have the opportunity to express their opinions regarding whether or not they would prefer to become a part of Haliburton County or to remain with Peterborough County, during the coming municipal election.

That part of the vote, if it is approved, will be considered an opinion poll, which is not binding.

The motion, proposed by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Chris McTaggart, requests Galway-Cavendish council to have a section on the November 10 municipal election ballot which indicates a choice of Peterborough or Haliburton County, to be recorded by

individual polling stations. It will not be a binding vote, but will serve as information.

The cancellation of the proposed referendum has angered many Galway Township residents. The question of legality with regard to the use of the word "referendum", the distribution of the ballots and other factors, ultimately led to the cancellation. About a quarter of the ballots had been returned when the referendum was cancelled, but none was opened.

The municipality will send out notices to all ratepayers advising of the cancellation. It was proposed in a second motion, by Bruce Fleury and seconded by Mike Grozelle, at the Galway Ratepayers Association general meeting, that a notice be distributed with

that mailing advising that the opinion poll will be on the municipal election ballot.

At the GRA meeting, Peter Charters explained the process which has taken place, since the winter and spring of this year, to amalgamate Galway and Cavendish with Haliburton County. He noted that since the so-called referendum was intended as an indicator of the ratepayers' wishes only, he saw no reason why it shouldn't have gone ahead as planned.

Charters said the questions that begged to be answered were "why did the process fail so badly; what do we do now; and where do we go from here?"

Charters asked the audience for suggestions.

Don LaCombe, chairperson of the

Galway Ratepayers Association, said the people who worked so hard to organize the referendum proposal "feel cheated" because it was cancelled. He said that about \$4,000 was spent producing and distributing the ballots.

"It was heart-breaking to see them go through the shredder, unopened" he said.

The question on most of the attendees' minds, as evidenced by the reaction of the crowd, was "Are we going to continue with negotiations to amalgamate with Haliburton County?"

The response was a resounding yes. "We have to study all the options," Charters said. "We need your ideas and your input to do something constructive."

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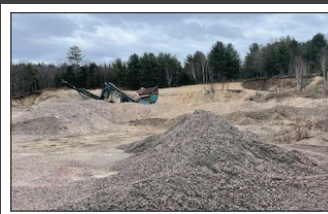
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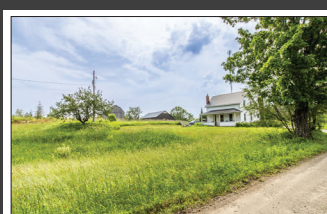
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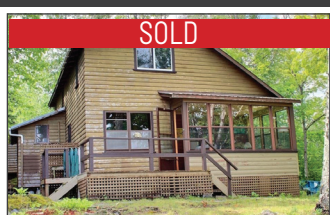
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